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SUBJ: AMPEX AVR-3 EXPORT TO PRC

1. SUMMARY. AMPEX HAS SOLD PRC TWO AVR-3 VIDEOTAPE
RECORDERS AND REQUESTS PERMISSION TO LEAVE THEM IN
PEKING PENDING ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE. END SUMMARY

2. RAYMOND SMART OF AMPEX HONG KONG CALLED AT USLO
SEPTEMBER 30 TO INFORM US THAT CHINESE HAVE DECIDED
TO BUY TWO AVR-3 VIDEOTAPE RECORDERS AT APPROXIMATELY
US\$150,000 EACH. EXPORT OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO THE
PRC FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES WAS AUTHORIZED IN
AUGUST UNDER LICENSE NO. 70808-A265975. THESE
RECORDERS ARE NOW IN PEKING AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHINA
NATIONAL MACHINERY IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION
WHERE SMART AND OTHERS FROM AMPEX HAVE BEEN
DEMONSTRATING THE MACHINES. THE AVR-3'S WILL BE
USED IN SHANGHAI WITH AN AVR-2 ALREADY INSTALLED
IN EDITING TAPES FOR SHANGHAI TV. SHANGHAI TV
ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BUY TWO MORE
AVR-2'S BUT THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF THE
AVR-3 CONVINCED THEM THAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE
MORE EXPENSIVE MODEL.

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3. COMMERCE INTENDS TO BEGIN PROCESSING OF
A LICENSE FOR THE SALE AS SOON AS SMART CAN
GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS HEAD OFFICE IN THE U.S.
HE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO AVOID EXPORTING
THESE HEAVY MACHINES BY TRAIN TO HONG KONG AND
REIMPORTING THEM AGAIN.

HE PROPOSES THAT THEY
BE LEFT IN A PRC WAREHOUSE IN PEKING UNTIL THE
LICENSE IS ISSUED. (SMART APPROACHED USLO TO
STORE THE EQUIPMENT. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAVE
NO FACILITIES TO STORE SUCH BULKY MATERIAL EVEN IF SUCH
STORAGE WERE LEGAL UNDER EXPORT CONTROL
REGS).

4. SMART DID NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE LICENSE
WITH HIM BUT TO BEST OF HIS MEMORY IT WAS
ISSUED IN AUGUST. THE MACHINERY WAS SHIPPED
AUGUST 19 FROM HONG KONG AND ARRIVED IN PEKING
SEPTEMBER 16. UNLESS PERMISSION IS RECEIVED
TO HOLD THE MATERIAL HERE, SMART INTENDS TO
SHIP THE EQUIPMENT OUT OF CHINA ALONG WITH
OTHER DEMONSTRATION EQUIPMENT WHICH AMPEX
DOES NOT INTEND TO SELL TO THE PRC. HE URGENTLY
REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ALLOW THE AVR-3'S TO
REMAIN HERE PENDING THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXPORT
LICENSE.

5. COMMENT: WE PRESUME FROM THE FACT THAT
A DEMONSTRATION LICENSE WAS ISSUED THAT THERE
IS NO SERIOUS PROBLEM IN EXPORTING THIS
EQUIPMENT TO THE PRC AND THAT ISSUANCE OF THE
LICENSE IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME. WE HOPE
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THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE
CONSIDERATION OF THIS CASE AND TO PERMIT THESE
GOODS TO REMAIN IN CHINA PENDING ISSUANCE OF
THE EXPORT LICENSE.

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